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Dear Mr. Moorhead:

Thank you for your letter of January 21 on behalf of your constituent, concerning the human rights situation in Argentina, and in particular the cases of Sergio Ruben Pra, Pablo Bohoslavsky, and Jose Erlich.

Over the past few years considerable progress has been made in the release of prisoners being detained by power of the National Executive, the so-called PEN prisoners. This is a special emergency authority under state of siege powers granted to the Executive during the governmental crisis of the 1970s. I am pleased to inform you of the recent parole on November 2, 1982 of Sergio Ruben Pra.

We do not know the current status of Pablo Bohoslavsky or Jose Erlich. Cases of PEN detentions are systematically reviewed by Argentine authorities and we are hopeful that prisoners will continue to be released. The current number of PEN detainees is 243 and new releases are occurring monthly. We will ask our Embassy in Buenos Aires to investigate the status of these cases and to inform you of any new information on their cases.

With cordial regards,

Sincerely,

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